



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

**Charles D. Ritz**

Serial No.: 09/736,828

Filed: December 13, 2000

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
INCREASING THE LOAD CAPACITY  
AND STABILITY OF GUYED TOWERS

Art Unit: 3635

Examiner: Thissell, Jennifer I.

Docket No.: 321802-1020

**FOURTH RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In regard to the outstanding non-final Office Action of November 5, 2003, Applicant submits the following Fourth Response with amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Thomas Kayden Horstemeyer & Risley, L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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